



Construction Ahead!

Completion of median work allows new lane to open

Work on the new concrete median barrier wrapped up this fall, allowing construction crews to restripe the wider freeway to create a fourth eastbound lane on Interstate 10. The new lane, which extends uphill from Ford Street to Yucaipa Boulevard, opened December 1 and has relieved traffic during peak afternoon hours.

"This section of freeway contains a 4% grade, which causes delays as trucks struggle up the hill. The new lane through this area has provided relief for faster-moving cars and has reduced traffic significantly," said Gary Shippy, project manager for San Bernardino Associated Governments.

Work is continuing along the freeway shoulder and underneath bridges. Once the project is completed, the freeway will open with five lanes eastbound between Ford Street and Yucaipa Boulevard and four lanes eastbound between Yucaipa Boulevard and Live Oak Canyon Road. Brutoco Construction hopes to have the project finished by the end of March, pending good weather. Several weeks of work have been lost this winter already due to rain storms.

Measure I passes easily Nov. 2

Voters overwhelmingly approved the extension of Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation projects in San Bernardino County.

A total of 80.03% of county voters approved extending the sales tax measure from 2010 to 2040. This will equate to approximately \$6 billion for transportation projects countywide.

Funds will be available to ease traffic and reduce pollution by making improvements to freeways and roads and expanding public transit systems.

Measure I has funded projects like the I-10 truck-climbing lane since its passage in 1989.

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Remaining work: Paving, walls, ramps, landscaping

Construction crews are looking ahead to the last months of work on the truck-climbing lane. Work that remains to be done includes:

- Paving along the shoulder between Wabash Avenue and Yucaipa Boulevard
- Grinding, saw-cutting, joint-sealing and striping the new pavement
- Completing the retaining wall near the west end of Outer Highway 10 South
- Building retaining walls under the bridges at Wabash Avenue and Yucaipa Boulevard
- Realigning eastbound freeway ramps at

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Paving along the freeway shoulder between Yucaipa Boulevard and Live Oak Canyon Road is complete.

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Freeway Service Patrol completes first year *Roving tow trucks offer aid to 4,600 since January 2004*

It's been a year since the Freeway Service Patrol began aiding drivers along the I-10 construction zone, and what a year it has been. Since its debut January 5, 2004, the free roving tow truck service has offered assistance to 4,615 motorists.

Armada Towing, which is under contract to SANBAG and under the jurisdiction of the CHP for the service, helps stranded drivers during peak commute hours, 5 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The tow truck operators, brothers Joshua and Jason Pallas, completed each "rescue" in about nine minutes, helping to prevent further traffic delays along the freeway.

Of the 4,615 offers to help, 1,454 (about one-third) of the motorists declined the service, due to help already being on the way or not needed. The remaining 3,161 travelers were aided with:

- 803 mechanical breakdowns
- 789 flat tires
- 436 overheated vehicles
- 314 empty gas tanks
- 285 accidents
- 239 abandoned vehicles
- 166 instances of debris in the road
- 121 electrical problems
- 8 other problems

For the year, the most assists were performed in October (511) and the fewest were performed in February (281). The majority of problems -- 43% -- occurred between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

The FSP is funded through a grant by the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee, with a contribution by Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County.



Trucks are marked with the FSP logo below the Armada Towing emblem on both doors (see logo at left). Tow truck drivers wear vests printed with the FSP logo and carry identification. Drivers do not accept payment or tips for service offered.

For more FSP information, call the helpline at 889-8611 x102 or email fsp@sanbag.ca.gov.

We're listening ...

For questions about this project, please call SANBAG's I-10 helpline at 889-8611 x102. Callers may leave a message to ask about current or upcoming work. Do not use the helpline to report emergencies; instead, call 911.



SANBAG still waiting for federal OK to widen I-10

San Bernardino Associated Governments is awaiting approval by the Federal Highway Administration before work can begin on the next stage of Interstate 10 East Valley improvements.

The next stage will involve widening I-10 both eastbound and westbound for a 2.5-mile stretch between Orange and Ford streets in Redlands.

After assuring the FHWA that the project would not impact area waterways, SANBAG submitted its environmental documents for approval in October. Work is expected to begin six to nine months after the federal approval is received.

The project will cost between \$35 million and \$40 million and take two to three years to build.

Truck-climbing lane remaining work ...

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- Ford Street, Wabash and Yucaipa Boulevard
- Continued installation of sprinkler systems for landscaping near newly built sound walls and at Yucaipa Boulevard interchange
- Planting of vines at the base of sound walls and plants and ground cover at Yucaipa Boulevard interchange
- Project review and acceptance by Caltrans

